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1. The new year literally began with a bang as two bombs exploded in the capital on January 1, and 2 more that had failed to explode were found. Hit were a fruit market in Zone 4 of the capital and a private home in Zone 1; both suffered an estimated several thousand dollars damage. The unexploded bombs were both found at private homes in the capital. There is no hard evidence as to who was responsible.

2. The south coast area also continued to be active and there were reports that large well-armed bands continue to terrorize the area. In one incident an estimated 30 well-armed men dressed in olive drab uniforms took over the Finca Bolivia in the Department of Escuintla, robbed it, set fire to the buildings and kidnapped 2 employees. In another incident the substation of the National Police at Masagua was attacked. The attackers were repelled, however, and 3 of them were reported captured.

3. There were also 2 assassinations, 6 more assassinated bodies located, and miscellaneous other incidents throughout the country which appeared to have political overtones (see enclosure for details).

Enclosure: List of Incidents

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LIST OF INCIDENTS

- Dec. 28 - Beaten body of Francisco Cordon Orellana found in Tres Cruces, Zacapa.
- 28 - Machine gun-armed band turned back by guardian in attack on Finca Labor de Castillo, Mixco, Dept. Guatemala.
- 28 - Armed band attacked National Police Substation in Masagua, Escuintla. Attack repelled, 3 attackers captured: Miguel Angel Torres y Torres, Guadalupe Fuentis Pezzarossi and one unnamed man.
- 29 - Two presumed guerrillas captured by National Police in Chicacao, Suchitepequez.
- 29 - Three unidentified persons shot and killed Antonio Santizo at his finca in Flores Costa Cucá, Dept. Quezaltenango. No motive known.
- Jan. 1 - Five men dressed in uniforms of military police and armed with submachine guns stole money and valuables from establishment in El Quetzal, Dept. San Marcos.
- 1 - Bomb damaged fruit market in Zone 4 of the capital. No motive known.
- 1 - Bomb damaged house of Enrique Salazar Liekens, Zone 1, of the capital. No motive known.
- 1 - Bomb at house of Marco Tulio Osoy Chicé, San Salvador road, Dept. Guatemala, failed to explode.
- 1 - Bomb at house of Federico Rodriguez Paul, Zone 1, capital, failed to explode.
- 1 - Body, shot, of Jose Luis Lima Aguirre found in Jalapa.
- 1 - Two bodies with bullet holes found in Los Amates, Dept. Izabal. They were identified as Virgilio Morales y Morales and Israel Zis Rodriguez. No motive known.
- 1 - Body of Encarnacion Casteñeda Vasquez found shot in San Esleton, Dept. Chiquimula. No motive known.
- 1 - Inocente Ventura Garcia reported assassinated by unknown assailants in Yupiltepeque, Dept. Jutiapa.
- 2 - Unidentified body found in gully in capital. He had been shot and press speculates motive political.

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- Jan. 2 - Estimated 30 machine gun-armed men dressed in olive drab uniforms raided Finca Bolivia in Masagua, Dept. Escuintla. Stole money, burned buildings and kidnapped 2 workers.
- 2 - Daniel Solares Morales shot and killed by unknown men in capital. Motive unknown.
- 3 - One local paper carried article from EL DIARIO DE HOY in San Salvador to the effect that 3 Mexicans had been arrested in Merida, Mexico, for plotting an insurrection in Guatemala on the opening of the Olympics in Mexico in October 1968.

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